

ecomaine Recycling Guidelines

DO Recycle

Paper, Plastic, Metal & Glass can all be mixed together.

PAPER

- All Clean Cardboard, Paperboard & Pizza Boxes
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines
- Mail & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Office Paper & Envelopes
- Wrapping Paper
- Phone Books
- Books
- Paper Plates (*clean*)
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Drink Boxes & Aseptic Containers
- Shredded Paper (put in clear bags)

PLASTIC

- Water Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Detergent Bottles
- All rigid containers marked with a #1-#7 (except Styrofoam)

METAL

- Tin Cans
- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum Cans/Foil
- Pots & Pans

GLASS (all colors)

All glass Bottles & Jars

All containers must be EMPTY (but not perfectly clean) and smaller than

Don't Recycle

Please keep these items out:

Trash/Garbage

Needles & Sharps

No Large metal parts
car, boat, truck, etc.

Wood/lumber

Propane, helium or
other gas cylinders

Pipes, plastic or metal

Clothing & shoes

Plastic bags:

- trash/shopping bags
- frozen vegetable
- pellet bags
- bread bags
- newspaper bags
- potato or snack
- sandwich
- animal food bags

Plastic wrap or film

Bedding & Pillows

Garden hoses

Batteries:

- alkaline
- button-cell
- rechargeable

Boat shrink-wrap/tarps

Bubble-wrap

Diapers (baby/adult)

Envelopes that are
plastic or Tyvek®

Food or plants (**compost**)

Kitty litter

Knives & Blades

Light bulbs (any type;

return CFLs to store)

Paper napkin & towels

Styrofoam® or polystyrene foam (even if #6)

Toys

Vinyl siding

Waxed paper / boxes

Rope, String, Chain

Know Which Plastics to Recycle

With the exception of polystyrene (Styrofoam), your plastic is recyclable if the answer to all three of these questions is **YES**:

1. Does it have a number (1-7) in the middle of the chasing arrow symbol?
2. Is it rigid or hard?
3. Is it a container?



Many supermarkets & retail stores accept plastic bags and film for recycling. Find drop-off locations at plasticfilmrecycling.org.

No hazardous waste – ever!

The following items, categorized as "hazardous waste" must be disposed of carefully and cannot be included with your trash or with single-sort recycling:

- * Ammunition
- * Anti-freeze
- * Button-cell batteries
- * CFL light bulbs (compact fluorescent lights)
- * Chemicals
- * Computers & related parts
- * Fertilizers
- * Fluorescent bulbs (of any kind)
- * Fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene)
- * Mercury (in any amount)
- * Oxygen tanks
- * Paint thinner
- * Pesticides
- * Propane tanks
- * Rechargeable batteries
- * TVs

However, area transfer stations and recycling centers often offer programs to take this kind of waste.

For more information:

- Go to www.ecomaine.org
- Call ecomaine at 773-1738
- Call your town office or transfer station